



Nevada Division of Forestry



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Fuels Reduction Continuing on East Carson Range

CARSON CITY, NV--The Nevada Division of Forestry and Division of State Parks continue work on a fuel break in northwest Carson City, work that started as a result of the 2004 Waterfall Fire. Approximately 500 trees from the project site have been removed in the past two seasons.

"The reduced fuel loading will assist with fighting any future fires, and will reduce damage from future fires by helping to keep fire on the ground and not becoming crown fires higher in tree tops," said John Copeland, fire protection officer with the Nevada Division of Forestry. "Work on the project is scheduled to continue this spring when conditions allow access to the site.

"Following the 2004 Waterfall Fire, the Nevada Division of State Parks and the Division of Forestry drafted an initial fuels management plan and are developing a comprehensive plan with other agencies to link fuels management efforts in the Tahoe Basin and the east side of the Carson Range into a cohesive, well-defined network of fuel breaks," Copeland added.

In 2005, crews from the Division of Forestry's Stewart Conservation Camp started a fuel break on the east side of the Carson Range in Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park. The fuel break is located along the Hobart Lakeview Road, and extends up to 150 feet to either side of the road. Last year, more than 50 cords of firewood were sold to the public.

As part of the fuels reduction effort, material will be burned in piles by fire crews during fire-safe weather conditions. It is anticipated that firewood generated this season will be sold by Nevada State Parks in the fall.

The project is funded by the U.S. Forest Service for fuels management on private or state-owned lands adjacent to U.S. Forest Lands.

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The **Nevada Division of Forestry** is a division within the **Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**. The Division coordinates and manages all forestry, nursery, endangered plant species and watershed resource activities on certain public and private lands. The Division provides protection of life, property and natural resources through fire suppression, prevention programs and provides other emergency services as required.

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